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(Excerpt) Frankfurt--At a Frankfurt press conference on Apr. 4, Federal Economics Minister Erhard reported on American reaction to the Bundestag debate on atomic armament. He said disputes between the government and opposition parties had created the impression in the United States that the alternative, as seen in Germany, consists in either having to die an atomic death or having the chance to survive. A primitive impression, indeed, Erhard said, adding that U.S. Government circles are disappointed over the attitude taken by the German opposition. He said many Americans had asked: "Have you no wish to defend your freedom?"

Erhard further stated that he had met with George Meany, president of the AFL/CIO, who told him that the American union members are disappointed with the attitude of the German labor unions toward the state and democracy. There is a positive horror at the idea that union members could think at all of striking for political objectives which have nothing to do with the core of the labor union movement, Erhard said.

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